I. *An Account of a Fœtus, that continued 46 Years in the Mother's Body. Communicated by Dr.* Steigertahl, *Honorary Fellow of the College of Phyſicians, and Fellow of the* Royal Society.

Anna Mullern, a Woman of the Village of *Leinzelle* near *Gemund* in *Suabia*, of a dry and lean Conſtitution, but otherwiſe healthful and robuſt, died at the Age of 94, after ſhe had lived a Widow 40 Years.

Six and fourty Years before her death ſhe declared herſelf to be with Child, and had all the uſual Tokens of Pregnancy. At the end of her reckoning the Waters came away, and ſhe was taken with the pains of Labour, which continued upon her about ſeven Weeks, and then went off upon the uſe of ſome Medicines given her by a Surgeon. Some time after this ſhe recovered her perfect Health, except only that her Belly continued ſwell'd, and that now and then upon any Exerciſe ſhe felt a little pain in the lower part of it. She was after this twice brought to bed, the firſt time of a Son, who is now a Huntſman at *Biſchoffſhein*, and afterwards of a Daughter, who is married to a Soldier. But notwithſtanding this, ſhe was firmly perſuaded, that ſhe was not yet delivered of what ſhe firſt went with, and deſired Dr. *Wohnlixe* the Phyſician of *Gemund*, and one *Knauffen* a Surgeon at *Heubach*, to open her Body after her death. Accordingly after her Death, which happen'd

happen'd on the 11th of *March* 1720, after four days illneſs, her body was open'd by the Surgeon, the Phyſician before-mention'd being then dead. He found within her a hard maſs of the form and ſize of a large Ninepin-Bowl, but had not the precaution to obſerve, whether it lay in the *Uterus*, or without it, and for want of better Inſtruments broke it open with a blow of a Hatchet. This Ball with the Contents of it, are expreſſed in the following Figures.

Plate I. Fig. I.

A A part of the Tegument, which had adher'd to a ſpongious fleſhy Subſtance. This at firſt ſeem'd to be a Maſs of Cartilage, but was afterwards found to be entirely bony.

B. B. B. C. C. C. Shews the membranous Part, which was bloody.

D. D. D. D. The opening made by the Hatchet.

E. E. E. E. E. Another part of the Tegument appearing entirely bony, with ſeveral prominences.

F. A Contuſion occaſion'd by the rude manner of opening it, where there appear'd ſome putrified Membranes.

Fig. II. *A. A. A.* The Tegument, or Subſtance encloſing the *Fœtus*.

B. The *Fœtus*.

C. A depreſſion, or hollowneſs on the right Cheek.

α. The Noſe turning up.

β. The Mouth flatted, but not ſo wide, as it is here repreſented.

γ. The Eye cloſed up.

δ. The Ear.

D. D. The Arms, of which the right was the larger, and the two Joints of that Thumb were plainly to be ſeen.

E. The

E. The protuberance of the Knee.

F. Part of the *Funiculus Umbilicalis* torn, but ſtill adhering to the Navel.

G. G. Part of the ſame *Funiculus*, faſten'd to the bony part of the Tegument.

H. The Breaſt.

I. The mark of an Inciſion into the left ſide, where the Fleſh appear'd red, but was dry, and look'd like ſmoaked Beef.

Fig. III. Repreſents two Ribs from the left Side, of their natural Subſtance, colour and bigneſs.

A. A. The part joining to the *Vertebræ.*

B. B. to the *Sternum.*

This Piece is preſerv'd in the Cabinet of Rarities of his moſt Serene Highneſs the Duke of *Wirtemberg.*

Dr. *Camerarius*, Profeſſor at *Tubingen*, in a Letter upon this Subject, takes notice, that the Surgeon found this Maſs in a cavity on the Woman's left ſide, and that it adhered to the Membranes of that cavity by the intervention of a ſpongious, fleſhy Subſtance. From which particular, and the Woman's having had two Children during the time that this large Maſs lay in her, that learned Profeſſor conjectures, that it was not lodged in the Womb, but in the left *Fallopian Tube*, which by this means had been very much dilated and thickned in its Subſtance.

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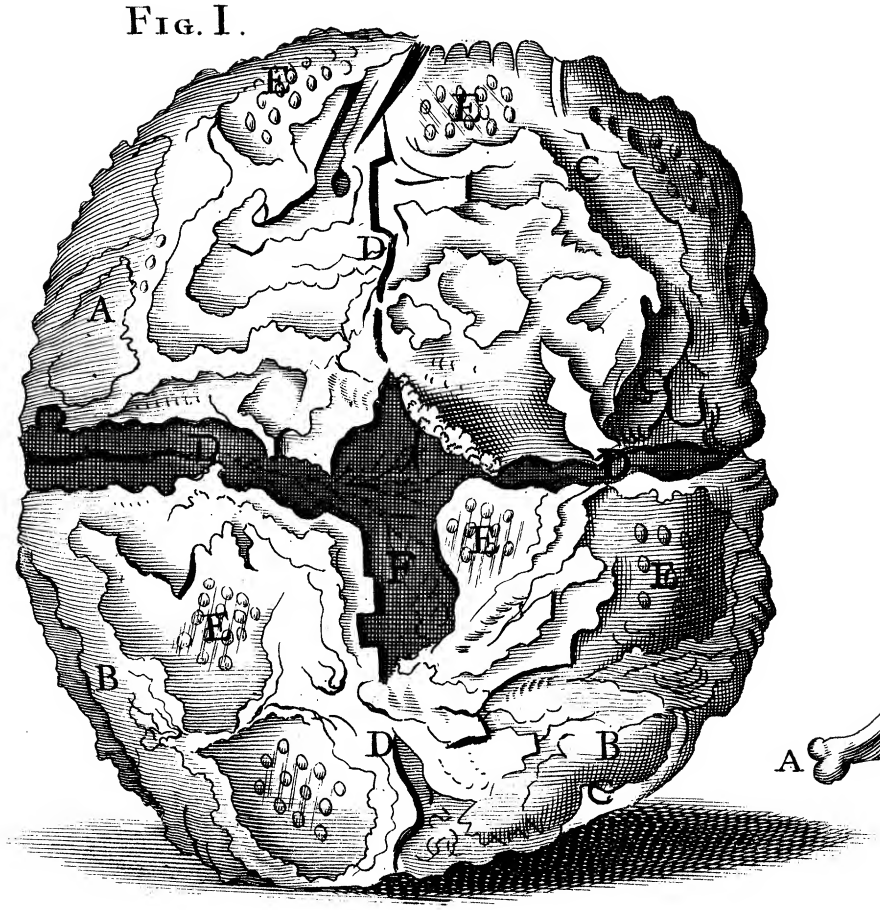

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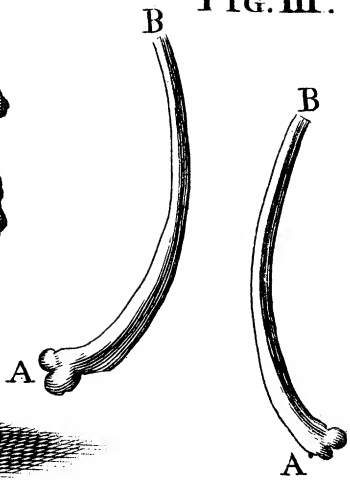

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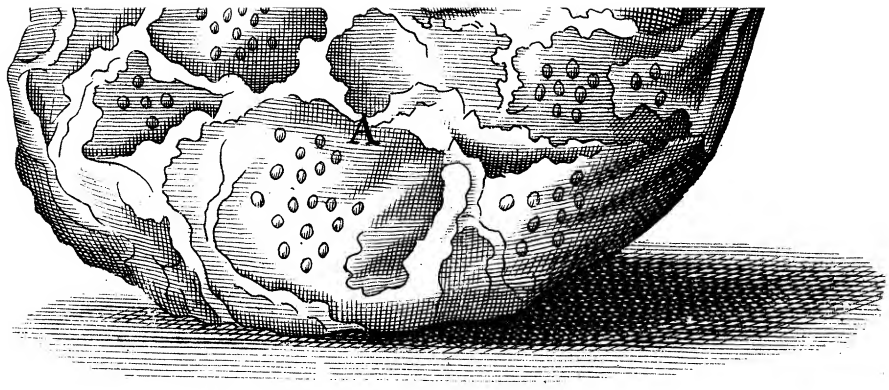

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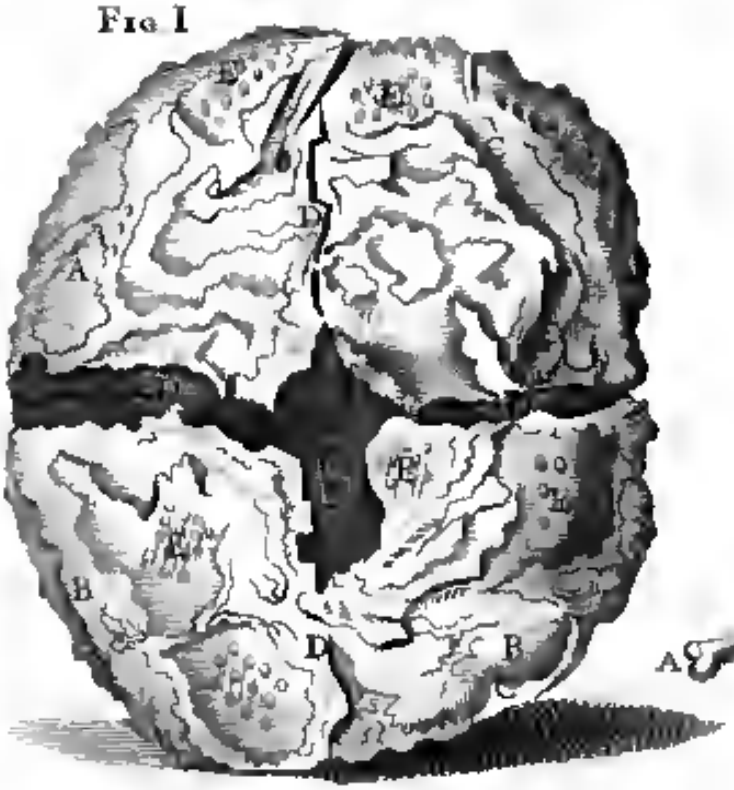

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